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States of Origin for Estimated Major Movements of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During the Month of July, 1947

Fruit and vegetable loading has been heavy in California, Texas and Florida, but is now tapering off rapidly in the latter two States. The loading in the southeastern States has increased and will continue heavy while the peaches from Georgia and South Carolina and other fruits and vegetables are moving. The South Carolina peach movement will commence the latter part of this month and reach its peak about August 1.

Loading in California and Arizona will be heavy during the next several months as cantaloups from the Imperial Valley are moving in volume, and there will be a heavy loading of citrus, lettuce, and other fruits and vegetables. Grape loading is getting under way, but will not move in heavy volume until September and October. Potato loading in Kern County, California, continues heavy and will be for some time but it has passed the peak.

The Association of American Railroads reports that from a national standpoint the refrigerator car supply has been satisfactory and all order are being filled currently. The supply, however, is now getting tighter in California, Arizona, and the Southeast, but additional empties have been directed toward those areas. Indications are that loading will continue heavy for the balance of the year, therefore, it will be necessary to continue giving this equipment prompt handling.

According to BAE, early estimates of summer production covering nearly one-half of the total summer tonnage show a reduction of 2 percent from last year. Cantaloups and watermelons are the only two summer crops estimated to date with indicated production greater than last year. Reductions for the other crops range from 4 percent for cucumbers to 28 percent for onions. Most crops, however, will be near-average or better. The summer season generally is one to three weeks later than usual.

Our estimates indicate that approximately 89,214 carloads of fresh fruits and vegetables will be shipped during the month of July 1947, compared with a revised estimate of 88,153 cars in June 1947, and an increase of 4.0 percent as compared with the 85,802 cars shipped during July 1946.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Pacific Region during July 1947, have been estimated to total approximately 8,083. Those that will move in volume are shown below by commodities and States of origin:

North Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Washington</u>	<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Idaho</u>
Apples	50	10	-
Apricots	950	-	25
Carrots	-	-	70
Celery	-	120	-
Cherries	370	30	50
Lettuce & Romaine	30	-	-
Mixed Deciduous Fruits	80	-	-
Onions	380	-	-
Peaches	60	-	-
Peas, green	40	5	35
Plums & Prunes	70	-	-
Potatoes	2,700	1,300	1,500
Tomatoes	15	115	-

Our estimates of fresh fruits and vegetables to move in volume from the South Pacific Region during July 1947 are as follows:

South Pacific Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Apples	700	-
Apricots	140	-
Cantaloups	3,600	3,300
Carrots	1,300	45

South Pacific Region (Cont'd.)

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>California</u>	<u>Arizona</u>
Cauliflower	95	-
Celery	300	-
Corn, green	45	-
Grapefruit	700	65
Grapes	1,600	50
Honey Ball Melons	25	5
Honey Dew Melons	750	1,100
Lemons	2,350	-
Lettuce & Romaine	5,400	-
Mixed Citrus Fruits	450	-
Mixed Deciduous Fruits	125	-
Mixed Melons	90	30
Mixed Vegetables	890	-
Onions	300	20
Oranges & Satsumas	5,200	-
Peaches	2,500	-
Pears	1,100	-
Plums & Prunes	1,900	-
Potatoes	4,900	225
Tomatoes	1,200	10

Total estimated carload rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Rocky Mountain Region during July 1947, will aggregate 2,215. These will consist chiefly of the following:

Rocky Mountain Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Utah</u>
Apricots	50	140
Celery	30	-
Cabbage	50	-
Cherries	10	115
Lettuce & Romaine	80	-
Mixed Vegetables	700	-
Peas, green	280	-
Potatoes	550	15
Spinach	130	-

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the North Central Region during July 1947, are estimated to be approximately 530. Our estimates indicate these shipments will be: 125 cars of cabbage and 210 cars of onions from Iowa; and 190 cars of potatoes from Nebraska.

Principal carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southwestern Region (excluding Texas), during the month of July 1947, will approximate 3,195. Those to move in volume are shown to originate as follows:

Southwestern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>Arkansas</u>	<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>New Mexico</u>
Cantaloups	35	5	175
Corn, green	25	100	10
Cucumbers	100	-	-
Onions	-	50	160
Peaches	800	-	-
Potatoes	60	-	45
Tomatoes	300	-	33

Other important carload shipments to originate in this region during July 1947 are potatoes: 650 cars from Missouri and 200 cars from Kansas. Missouri is also expected to ship 70 cars of tomatoes and Louisiana will probably originate 250 cars of sweetpotatoes.

The estimated carload shipments to originate in the Great Lakes Region during the month of July 1947, will approximate 996. Only the important movements are listed on the following page by States of origin:

Great Lakes Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>Michigan</u>
Apples	125	40
Celery	-	200
Mixed Vegetables	60	-
Onions	85	40
Peaches	150	-
Potatoes	10	30
Tomatoes	80	-

In addition to the above shipments, our estimates indicate that carlot movements of cabbage will consist of 80 cars from Wisconsin and 25 cars from Ohio. Indiana is expected to originate 30 cars of cantaloups.

Our estimated rail shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables that will originate in the New England Region during July 1947 should aggregate approximately 195. It is estimated that Maine will originate 100 cars of potatoes and 25 cars of apples, and about 70 cars of onions will originate in Massachusetts.

Carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables estimated to originate in the Middle Atlantic Region during July 1947, will aggregate approximately 6,855. Our estimates reveal that potato shipments from that area will be, 2,400 cars from New York; 2,200 cars from New Jersey; 1,400 cars from Maryland; 120 cars from Delaware, and 45 cars from Pennsylvania. Apple shipments are estimated as follows: 110 cars from Delaware; 70 cars from West Virginia; 30 cars from Maryland, and 20 cars from Pennsylvania. In addition Maryland is expected to originate 180 cars of cucumbers, 120 cars of lettuce, and 50 cars of tomatoes.

The estimated carlot shipments of peaches expected to move out of the Southern Region during July 1947, by States of origin are as follows: 9,000 cars from South Carolina; 5,300 cars from Georgia; 1,700 cars from North Carolina; 50 cars from Virginia; 40 cars each from Alabama and Tennessee; and 25 cars from Kentucky. Other important shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in the Southern Region (excluding Florida) during July 1947, are estimated to be:

Southern Region

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>		
	<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
Apples	-	-	70
Beans, snap & lima	20	35	15
Cantaloups	60	-	-
Cucumbers	105	10	20
Mixed Vegetables	100	-	35
Peppers, green	150	-	-
Potatoes	350	500	3,000
Tomatoes	-	10	850

In addition to the above it is estimated that Alabama will originate 190 cars of sweet potatoes, 110 cars of Irish potatoes and 40 cars of green corn. Kentucky is expected to originate 100 cars of Irish potatoes and 80 cars of tomatoes. About 50 cars of green peppers are expected from Mississippi.

Important carload shipments of fresh fruits and vegetables to originate in Texas and Florida during July 1947, are estimated as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Estimated carloads</u>	
	<u>Texas</u>	<u>Florida</u>
Cantaloups	50	-
Mixed Vegetables	-	140
Onions	60	-
Peaches	25	-
Potatoes	1,900	10
Tomatoes	400	-

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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 /1

	Beverages /2	Margarine and butterine /3	Fresh fruits & vegetables /4	Meats /5	Butter /3	Cheese /3	Eggs /3	Poultry dressed /3	Canned milk /3	Canned food stuffs /6	Total
Estimated cars, July 1947	20,852	240	89,214	21,220	2,582	2,278	2,804	1,575	8,800	32,813	181,878
Number cars shipped, July 1946	18,956	231	85,802	24,998	2,152	2,170	3,048	1,658	8,647	32,630	180,292
Percentage increase or decrease	10.0	3.9	4.0	-15.1	20.0	5.0	-8.0	-5.0	1.8	0.6	0.9
Estimated cars, August 1947	21,756	300	75,152	28,380	2,430	2,226	3,792	2,326	7,515	32,729	176,606
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,899	280	72,871	25,119	2,221	1,964	3,719	2,286	7,463	32,676	169,498
Percentage increase or decrease	4.1	7.1	3.1	13.0	9.4	13.3	2.0	1.7	0.7	0.2	4.2
Estimated cars, September 1947	21,500	311	87,384	30,494	1,919	2,150	3,133	2,520	6,065	39,251	194,727
Estimated cars, September 1946	19,960	284	83,584	21,979	1,746	1,974	3,102	2,459	6,216	35,794	177,098
Percentage increase or decrease	7.7	9.5	4.5	38.7	9.9	8.9	1.0	2.5	-2.4	9.7	10.0
Estimated cars, October 1946	21,603	426	93,830	22,265	1,509	1,956	2,857	3,342	5,087	43,264	196,139
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334	590	100,741	30,201	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	5,397	42,219	214,031
Percentage increase or decrease	-11.2	-27.8	-6.9	-26.3	-7.7	5.2	-18.0	-6.4	-5.7	2.5	-8.4
Estimated cars, November 1946	20,664	335	73,612	21,694	1,535	1,596	2,527	4,779	4,175	46,576	177,493
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,735	35,668	1,695	1,846	3,165	4,959	4,474	44,200	201,232
Percentage increase or decrease	-10.5	-14.1	-9.9	-39.2	-9.4	-13.5	-20.2	-3.6	-6.7	5.4	-11.8
Estimated cars, December 1946	19,960	324	72,598	22,835	1,467	1,280	2,154	4,451	4,468	41,381	170,918
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	74,613	35,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,411	40,570	189,896
Percentage increase or decrease	-16.2	-14.1	-2.7	-35.4	-9.6	-22.1	-19.3	-8.1	1.3	2.0	-10.0
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	331	78,032	34,685	2,158	2,280	2,830	2,678	4,972	33,472	182,239
Number cars shipped, January 1946	21,221	343	83,916	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,721	32,705	180,916
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0	-3.5	-7.0	20.6	39.9	25.3	-6.0	-7.0	5.3	2.3	0.7

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	Margarine and butterine		Fresh fruits & vegetables	Meat	Butter	Cheese	Eggs	Poultry dressed	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs	Total
	Beverages	/2	/3	/4	/5	/3	/3	/3	/3	/6	
Estimated cars, February 1947	19,815		347	70,053	25,417	1,784	2,039	2,601	1,506	30,677	159,341
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858		274	73,924	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	29,640	164,817
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0		26.6	-5.2	-9.8	37.9	34.1	-5.0	-5.0	3.5	-3.4
Estimated cars, March 1947	20,479		339	84,786	29,544	1,731	2,441	3,222	1,345	29,754	180,179
Number cars shipped March 1946	20,330		334	86,073	27,758	1,209	1,658	3,464	1,416	28,887	177,228
Percentage increase or decrease	0.7		1.5	-1.5	6.4	43.2	47.2	-7.0	-5.0	3.0	1.7
Estimated cars, April 1947	20,600		260	78,076	26,919	1,820	1,722	4,021	1,680	28,731	171,653
Number cars shipped April 1946	18,655		268	90,227	23,047	1,399	1,701	4,233	1,768	27,441	176,404
Percentage increase or decrease	10.4		-3.0	-13.5	16.8	30.1	1.2	-5.0	-3.0	4.7	-2.7
Estimated cars, May 1947	19,555		314	83,210	23,324	1,579	1,440	4,051	1,333	24,655	169,257
Number cars shipped May 1946	17,085		314	86,889	20,911	1,263	1,431	4,011	1,418	23,481	166,572
Percentage increase or decrease	14.5		0.0	-4.2	11.5	25.0	0.6	1.0	-6.0	5.0	1.6
Estimated cars, June 1947	19,796		237	88,153	26,681	1,836	1,696	3,831	1,401	33,767	187,341
Number cars shipped June 1946	17,214		230	90,510	18,402	1,463	1,605	3,666	1,467	31,708	176,195
Percentage increase or decrease	15.0		3.0	-2.6	45.0	25.5	5.7	4.5	-4.5	6.5	6.3

- /1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.
- /2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for the first 7 months of 1946.
- /3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in the first 7 months of 1946.
- /4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. June, July, August and September 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.
- /5 For the first 7 months of 1946, this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220, and 222 carloads originated less canned meats. Three months of 1945, 5 months of 1946, and January through September 1947 are estimates on the same basis.
- /6 The first 7 months of 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. Three months of 1945, 5 months of 1946 and January through September 1947 are estimates of the same movement.